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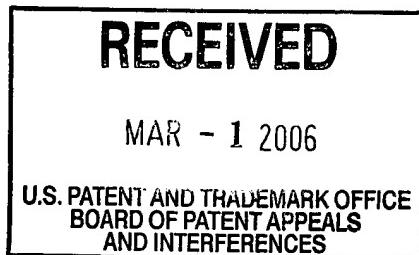
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/087,613  
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Applicant: Pierre H.G. Kobben, et al.  
Our Ref: RANPP0310USA

Dear Sirs:

Due to a change in circumstances, appellant will not be attending the oral hearing on March 9, 2006, and consequently requests the Board's decision on the Briefs alone.



Very truly yours,

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